

CLEM LEMIRE ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELD PROJECT BUILDING COMMITTEE

November 18, 2010

Town Hall Conference Room 1

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to order – the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Klett at 7:00 pm.
- II. Roll call – Members present: Maureen Klett, Mike Lenares, Kathy Zolad, Jay Bottalico, Bill DeBlasio, Don Woods, Jeff Perillo, and Rich Khentigan. Others present: Two members of the public; Vince McDermott and David Dickson, Milone and MacBroom; Bruce Till, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation; and Jeff Baron, Dir. of Admin. Services.
- III. Public participation – None.
- IV. Approval of October 14, 2010 meeting minutes – Mr. Woods made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2010 meeting, as written. Second by Mr. Khentigan. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. Inland Wetlands review status – The project plans were presented to the Inland Wetlands Commission for their consideration by Town Engineer Anthony Ferraro. There were no problems identified and Commissioners did not raise any concerns.
- VI. Final plans development status –Mr. Dickson stated that progress has been made toward final plans. Milone and MacBroom is waiting for formal Inland Wetlands approval. They developed those sections of the specifications that were needed for the turf manufacturer selection process.
- VII. Turf manufacturer Request for Proposals – A draft Request for Proposals was presented to the Committee and Mr. McDermott discussed the various aspects of the technical specifications portion. The technical specifications detail what the turf manufacturer will have to do during the field construction process and identify the standards the turf manufacturer will be expected to meet. The Technical Specifications call for a dynamic stone base, which is a standard specification that has been used previously for a number turf fields and

with a number of turf manufacturers. There is no shock pad in the specifications.

The next section deals with the synthetic in-filled athletic turf. In 1.4. Submittals, specification C.4 identifies the area where other fields are to have been installed. The intent was to see locations that are similar in climate to Connecticut and that are within a reasonable distance in the event that the Committee should wish to view a field with a particular product. The section of specification C.5 that is in parenthesis, "(if different from the company)", will be deleted. Items B. and C. of this section will be referenced in the proposal requirements' submittals section.

Section 1.8 of the Turf Specifications deals with warranties. An eight year warranty from the date of Substantial Completion is specified. This will involve an independent third party pre-paid warranty in the form of an insurance policy. The warranty is for full replacement.

Ms. Zolad inquired about the CIAC standard in section 1.5 of the Turf Specifications, the part that addresses Quality Assurance. Specification A.2 calls for both NCAA and CIAC experience. Either or both could be removed if the Committee so desired. They serve as a benchmark. Firms will submit proposals even if they do not meet every standard of every specification. The Committee agreed by consensus to leave this specification unchanged. Specification A.4 calls for five northeast fields in two years. The purpose for two years is that new products have been issued that preclude going too far back, while two years is a sufficient amount of time to determine if problems have developed with the turf product installed.

Part 2 of the Turf Specifications identifies the composition of the products to be installed. As lacrosse will also be played on this field, Milone and MacBroom will verify that the proper infill height is specified. The infill will only be from U.S. or Canadian rubber products. The infill will be approved by the manufacturer. Cryogenically produced rubber comes from recycled fibers that are frozen and pulverized, resulting in a product that is cleaner, more even in consistency, and less dusty but which costs about ten cents more per square foot.

The Committee has its choice on field lines, permanent vs. painted. On the proposal form football lines are in the base price, with Alternate One for soccer lines. Lacrosse lines will be tufted in. Milone and MacBroom agreed to prepare a check list for the responses received. They will also prepare a plan sheet for the finalists to use in preparing their cost estimates.

The base under the field is not part of the eight year warranty. That is the general contractor's responsibility. Success here depends upon enforcement of the specifications by the Town and the sieve analysis that is approved. The specifications call for the rock in the base to be basalt, granite or gneiss.

Supply of a field groomer is called for in the specifications. This costs about \$1,000. As the Parks Department has a tractor that is hydraulic, a better model could be specified.

The Committee agreed to have submittals due on December 9th, to meet on December 13th at 7:00 PM to short list firms to be interviewed, and to conduct those interviews on December 16th, starting at 6:00 PM.

- VIII. Other business pertinent to the Committee – Mr. Bottalico informed the Committee of a meeting held at the Lemire Complex on the power supply for the lighting, involving Musco Lighting, CL&P, the Parks Department and the Engineering Department. It appears there is enough power for lights, which will come from Willard Avenue. There was some discussion at that meeting as to where the On/Off switch would go. For the Committee's project, the specifications call for some light poles to be set in the berm. Should the bases for those poles be installed as part of the project? The Committee agreed by consensus that this should be a separate alternate bid item. The Committee was reminded that the excess fill is not being kept on site.
- IX. Public participation – Dwayne Thomas, 401 Cedar Hollow Drive, Rocky Hill and a board member of midget football, urged the Committee, when considering the level of the turf and the price, to keep in mind the actual field use and the amount of play the field will experience. This will make a big difference. A field use plan is needed. Especially if there are lights, others will want to use it. The Town will need a set of guidelines. The amount of use should be considered when determining the quality of the turf selected.
- X. Committee response to public participation – The field use plan would be created by the Parks and Recreation Department. Any policy decisions would be made by the Board of Parks and Recreation.
- XI. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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